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ON 18 SEP 72, BETHEEN 1784Z AND 1787Z, A CONVERSATION BETHEEN THO NVN SPEAKERS REVEALED THAT FIRING BATTALION 41 OF THE 263RD SAM REGIMENT HAD SHOTDOWN THO AIRCRAFT. THE CONVERSATION FURTHER REVEALED THAT OF THE DOWNED PILOTS, ONE WAS APPARENTLY KILLED WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT, ONE WAS CAPTURED BY SECURITY POLICE BUT DIED, AND TWO WERE CAPTURED, AND BEING TAKEN TO AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION. COMMENTS, ALTHOUGH THE ACTUAL LOCATION OF THIS ACTIVITY HAS NOT BEEN REVEALED THE GENERAL OPERATING AREA OF THE 263RD SAM REGIMENT IS THE VINH/QUANG LANG VICINITY. THIS WILL BE A FINAL REPORT XXHH 288 \$5598 NNNN

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